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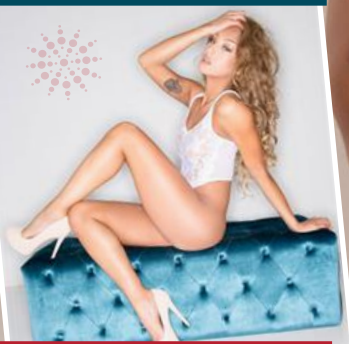

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Editor's Letter

What a month it has been! We released our first Uncensored Issue at the top of the month and it was a hit! Our biggest selling magazine in our short history. But wait! Here is your special December Christmas Issue and in this issue we have the incredibley sexy Megan Powell as our cover girl with fourteen other featured models and five hot new girls.

Many great changes are coming in 2015. We have a whole roster of amazing photographers from around the world who are going to be contributing to FOR GUYS MAG and you can see some of their work in this issue. We are fortunate enough to be able to snag Daniel Camer as our Editor of Photography. Well known in the commercial photography world, and one of the hottest glamour photographers today, Daniel will be assuming creative control at FOR GUYS MAG.

In addition to our print publication we are also available on three newstands on iTunes and Google Play. We are the sixth top selling paid magazine in Canada through the Magzter newstand as of this writing.

We are estatic about our association with Bachelor Haus out of sunny California. The premier source for amazing stuff for your mancave.

The gang here at FOR GUYS MAG wishes you a great Holiday Season and a fantastic 2015. Personally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you the best.

Enjoy and remember to contact us with your ideas and submissions.

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Megan POWELL

Photographer: Daniel Camer
www.DANIELCAMER.com | @danielcamer

Age: 25
Hometown:
Caledon, ON Canada
Profession:
Model

What's your favorite sport?
Motorsports. Snowmobiling is my cup of tea!
What's your favorite movie?
Step Brothers
Who's your favorite actor?
Will Ferrell
What's your favorite song?
The Arkells – Come to the Light
Who's your favorite artist?
It's hard to choose! I like indie rock!

What was your first job?

Farmer (no joke, I'm a farmer's daughter!)

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
1. I have a gun tattoo on my waist. 2. A Roman numeral on wrist. 3. Longitude and Latitude of the farm I grew up on, on my back. Piercings, on my tongue and nose.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
"How about you sit on my lap and we talk about the first thing that pops up" – Original, but didn't work…
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
Underneath a waterfall.
What's one thing you think all men should know?
Don't make her wait.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?

Facial hair, a nice smile, and a kind heart.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
Steak dinner & wine with good conversation.
How do we win your heart?
See above question/answer. (Through my tummy!)
On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
If I'm not working, bonfire or relaxing with wine in the hot tub.
If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Andy Samberg.
Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My smile.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?

Bikini when it's warm out.

When do you feel sexiest?
When I'm naked.

How did you get started modeling?
Friends and family told me I was very photogenic so I took a trip down to Toronto and started training with Sutherland.

Who is your favorite model?
Adriana Lima.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
Yeah! I was shooting for a Kymco advertisement with Daniel Camer and one of the scenes we had to shoot was based around a bonfire. So he set up all the lights and set one up behind a UTV, and my friend Marc decided to move one of the UTVs and he ran over the light stand and completely wrecked his lighting equipment. We all had a good laugh including Daniel whose equipment was wrecked, but all worked out in the end and we still got the shots we needed which was great! :)

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?

I grew up on a farm!

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?

My swimwear line which will be available for sale soon!

And, finally, what made you want join the FGM family?
You guys kick ass! Who wouldn't want to grace your pages?

Age: 18
Hometown:
Oshawa, ON
Canada
Profession:
Hostess

Rhiannon deWit

Photographer: Paul Venomous

Age: 20
Hometown:
Penrith, Sydney Australia
Profession:
Model, Actress

Ava Love

Photographer: Mark Hollywood

What's your favourite sport?
Tennis is my new thing!
What team?
Nick Kouros Is the hottest thing alive I'll watch him in every sport
What's your favourite movie?
Limitless
Who's your favourite actor?
Ashton Kutcher
What's your favourite song?
Iggy Azalea – Rolex
Who's your favourite artist?
Iggy Azalea & Kendrick Lamar
What was your first job?
Pet shop and I chose to get paid in pet products for my animals.
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
Yes I do have tattoos I currently have 2 one on my least arm it's a sweetheart with a snake through it as the veins…. I created the idea myself and I have a tattoo on my leg of a rose that says mum. I plan on getting a finger tattoo as well.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
" Did it hurt when you fell?" "Fell from where?" "HEAVEN silly" << who hasn't heard that one ;)
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
On a bike path I think and it was the longest by far hahaha.
What's one thing you think all men should know?
That women are sensitive! And it never has to be RUSHRUSHRUSH all the time!
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Body of course! Hygiene, appearance and I love tattoos. He's hard working, has their head screwed on but can still have a great time and be respectful!

What's your idea of the perfect date?
In a candle lit penthouse suite overlooking the water would be amazing, to just enjoy each other's company all night long.

How do we win your heart?
FOOD is a massive one! And also I love shoes and BOOKS, but a good massage goes very far in my eyes, and also a bottle of Bundy Rum.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Drinking and dancing with my friends or going out and about.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
My dream date would be Ashton Kutcher I've always wanted to meet him! He's my dream date.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My legs or my eyes and hair are always something people pick out on me.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Nothing ;) nah I enjoy anything comfortable I love booty shorts, who doesn't love to jump around in those.

When do you feel sexiest?
When I have my make-up all done and dolled up heading out on the town. And sometimes when I get out of the shower I get that * feel good * feeling.

How did you get started modelling?
I met someone who said I'd be great in pictures and we made up a contract and everything just fell in place from then on!

Who is your favourite model?
Cara Delevinge by far!

Do you have a favourite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?

Haha yes I do actually so I was shooting a video for Shoes of Hollywood at their store and after the video somehow my phone went on aeroplane mode! And I freaked out literally crying my eyes out it was the biggest melt down ever to find that all I had to do was turn it off, we all had a great laugh in the end.

Aside from modelling, what are you focusing on these days?

Well I do work as a retail assistant in an adult store called Naked Passion. I also do topless waitress gigs through my work.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?

It takes a lot of being social in social media to win in contests, so I do live cam chats to talk to everybody as it is hard to reply to over 100 emails everyday. My fans are amazing, I LOVE them all.

And, finally, what made you want join the FGM family?

I have seen a few models on there that I've seen in the same competitions with me. I'm always looking for extra exposure or something to BOOST my career. I am so very very excited to be FEATURED on here, my fans will adore it! Thank you, thank you!

Mindy Ann Harrison

Photographer: Mike Cole aka The Breeze

Cecilia Denice

Photographer: Katie Cotton

Hi! I am Cecilia and I am 25 years young, married and I have a 2 year old. I serve in the Army and am very proud of what I do. I am still very new to modeling as I have only been doing it for about 3 years. I hope that I can go very far with it though. I have 10 tattoos and plan on getting more! I am half German and half Mexican. So, yes, I'm feisty. I am also going to school to become a physical therapist. I hope some day to work with the Wounded Warrior Project or to go into sports.

Age: 25
Hometown: Spartanburg, SC USA
Profession: US Army/ Model

What's your favorite sport?
Football and Soccer
What team?
College – Georgia Bulldogs and Texas A&M / NFL- Dallas Cowboys.
Who's your favorite actor?
Male- Sean Penn / Female- Michelle Pfeiffer. She was so sexy as CatWoman.
What's your favorite song?
Stellar from Incubus and Miss you from Blink-182.
Who's your favorite artist?
Van Gogh
What was your first job?
I worked at Zaxby's. Yes, I made chicken.
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
I have 10 tattoos and 16 piercings total. I have tribal on my lower back (no its not a tramp stamp) and tribal that scales my spine and connects to the bottom one. I have a Latin phrase on my right shoulder. My astrological sign on my left foot. A smaller quote on the outer part of my left wrist. A skull with moths on my right thigh. A star wars quarter sleeve on my upper left arm. A skull with roses and lillies that covers my right rib cage and sparrows on each hip. I also have a lot of piercings. I nine holes total in my ears, my monroe is pierced, the top and bottom of my belly button are done. I have snake bites on my tongue and several others.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
"Do you have a Band Aid? Because I scraped my knee falling for you." He was dead serious while asking me, too.
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
I don't kiss and tell, but believe me, things have gotten weird before. Lol.
What's one thing you think all men should know?
Her favorite food. Nothing like being brought/made your favorite food. Especially when you're feeling down or sick.
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
A sense of humor, and being compassionate.
What's your idea of the perfect date?
It could be anything. We could stay in, order out and watch Netflix or go do something fun. No one is too old for the arcade.

When do you feel sexiest?

This may sound crazy but after the gym. I have that pump going on and I feel amazing after a workout.

How do we win your heart?
Make me laugh. I love to laugh. I laugh at myself all the time just because I am very silly myself. I tend to embarrass myself but I just laugh it off.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Should I get a free night, you'll catch me out dancing. I absolutely love to dance.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
One person? That's hard…I choose the guys of the band Blink-182. That would be a blast. They seem like so much fun.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My smile.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
If I am lounging, a tank top or t-shirt and my favorite ARMY PT sweats. If I'm out in public, jeans, a tee and my chucks :)

How did you get started modeling?
My friend Kate got me into it. I have always wanted to model and she helped me get started once I got home from training. She went with me to shoots and she taught me everything I needed to know. I am still learning though.

Who is your favorite model?
Honestly, it would have to be a friend of mine, Leigh Anti. She is one of the models I aspire to be like.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I did a powder shoot with a friend. We used flour. We had flour EVERYWHERE! We had to keep re-shooting us throwing it at one another and that was hilarious. It was so fun to do and very messy but very worth it. The shots were amazing.

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
I am going to school to become a physical therapist. I would love to work with the Wounded Warrior program or athletes.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
That I am in the military. No one ever believes me when I tell them or they find out.

Jeana Turner

Photographer: Studio 126 Photography

"I have been recognized by two of the most sought after men's entertainment magazines in the world, Playboy & Maxim - defintely my two biggest accomplishments thus far, and now I can add FGM to the list!"

Age: 21
Hometown: Minneapolis, MN USA
Profession: Model

My name is Devon Alexandra. I'm a half Serbian, half British 23-year-old. Needless to say I grew up experiencing eating cabbage rolls as well as dunking my biscuits in my tea. Weird mix I know. I always joke that my crazy side is the Serbian side and my proper side is the British. LOL.I'm a talented artist who loves to draw and paint in any of the minimal spare time I get to myself. I absolutely love Roller coasters and traveling, anything that gives me a thrill! I go to the movies at least once a week, usually to see a comedy because laughing is my favorite pastime. Last but not least, I also love modelling. I realized I loved being in front of a camera when I was around 18 years old (finally out of my awkward looks stage which definitely helped). I'm planning on modelling as long as I'm able to, while keeping a steady sales career on the side. Just remember – work hard, play harder! :)

Devon ALEXANDRA

Photographer: Mark Wong

Age: 22
Hometown:
Niagara Falls, ON
Canada
Profession:
Sales Professional

What's your favorite sport?
Hockey
What team?
The Toronto Maple Leafs
What's your favorite movie?
Grandma's Boy
Who's your favorite actor?
Jennifer Lawrence
What's your favorite song?
Wicked Games – The Weeknd
Who's your favorite artist?
Lana Del Rey
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
3 large tattoos: a fairy on my right shoulder, a vine of flowers on my left hip and a quote going down my right rib cage. I have my nose pierced, 4 earrings on each ear and bellybutton.

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard? Did it hurt?… When you fell from heaven?

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
A rainforest in Costa Rica.
What's one thing you think all men should know?
There's a fine line between confidence and cockiness.
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Confidence and more importantly a sense of humor.
What's your idea of the perfect date?
Having a couple drinks and gaming at an arcade.
How do we win your heart?
Chocolate always does the trick :)
On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
I usually have get togethers at my house with a couple friends, beats going out to a bar any day in my opinion!

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My booty!

What was your first job?
Maid at a Bed & Breakfast.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I play classical piano and I'm also a talented artist :)

What's your favorite time of the year?
Halloween! I go all out!

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Ian Somerhalder from the Vampire Diaries.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Sweats and a beater.

When do you feel sexiest?
All dolled up in a dress & high heels.

How did you get started modelling?
People always told me to try it so I gave it a shot. I did my first photo shoot 3 years ago with a local photographer and it took off from there.

Who is your favorite model?
Adriana Lima

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I once did a photo shoot entirely underwater. I had to swim back and forth in a pool with my eyes open and try to keep my face as normal as possible. It was fun but a little bit challenging as well!

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
I work in sales full time and on my days off I enjoy going to the movies or just kicking back and playing some video games. I also have a dog, cat and chinchilla that require lots of extra lovin'.

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BACHELOR PAD BASICS

YOU ARE AT THE POINT WHERE YOU have your own place; you've graduated, have a job, and new responsibilities. You've worked hard to be where you are now. Below are several tips on how to create and elevate the look and style of your current bachelor pad.

Having a dirty bachelor pad is not an option anymore. It might have been an option when you lived in a dorm or a frat house, but those days are over. After working 8+ hours a day you'll find a certain satisfaction coming home to place that looks good and is clean. Secondly, if you are dating someone and they come back to your place they'll have certain expectations. If you can't take care of yourself, how can anyone think you can take care of them?

- Have toilet paper
- Have hand soap
- Clean kitchen and bathroom sinks
- Clean kitchen and bathroom countertops
- Trash can (empty when full, otherwise odors build will up)

Your living room is most likely the first room guests will enter. This is their first impression, and it should have a couch, coffee table, and TV console (at the minimum). These three items all should match. Finding a couch by the dumpster and relocating it to your place isn't acceptable. Neither is hand-me-down furniture from your uncle. Don't hesitate to spend money on a couch; you'll probably own it longer than you think. Find furniture that reflects your personal style. Furniture that doesn't match creates a disjointed feeling, and is visually unappealing. For great furniture ideas visit www.bachelorhaus.com and use promo code "ForGuysMag" to save $100 off any purchase over $799.

Your Home Theater System should be nice, but not excessive. You and your friends will probably spend a lot time in front of the TV watching movies, shows, and playing video games. This is an investment; keep in mind your system will also be used to play music at your parties, and friends will join you to watch sports games. You can pick up an adequate surround sound

system for under $500 that both looks and sounds nice.

A stocked bar is a given. At a minimum always have available Whiskey and Vodka; both of these spirits can be easily mixed with either a cola or soda water. It's ideal to have OJ and cranberry juice available as well. Additionally, have a white or red bottle of wine. Keep the white in the fridge, and the red in a location where heat and sunlight won't affect it.

Every bachelor pad should have at least a few pieces of artwork in every room. These FRAMED pieces should reflect your interests or hobbies, and are used to personalize your space. Keep the art tasteful and sophisticated.

You are no longer living at home with your parents, or sharing a dorm room. Your bedroom is your own sanctuary, and therefore special attention needs to be placed in the room you spend 6+ hours in every day, regardless if your eyes are open or closed.

First, your sheets and comforter (aka duvet) should not be well worn or falling apart, if they are, get a new set. Neutral or earth tone colors work best and match just about anything. If possible your sheets should match your towels and hand towels in your bathroom. Women appreciate this, we as men will never understand why.

As for lighting your bedroom, have a main light that provides most of the room's illumination and a light for your nightstand. Both of these should have dimmers on them, this helps set a particular mood for when your bedroom becomes the Honeymoon suite.

As for furniture, your dresser, nightstand and bed should all match, or at least be the same color. If you are still sleeping on a futon, it's time for a lifestyle change. Invest in good pieces of furniture as they will last you for most of your life. Spend the money.

Having a well-lit bachelor pad is a must. It's best to have a few different sources of lighting in each room. This is especially true if the main source is fluorescent. When looking for table lamps and or floor lamps be sure they are in the same type of style as your furniture. You don't want your parents lights from the 70's and anything that has a football helmet as a lampshade is a definite no-no. Save the football helmet for your man cave when your married.

You need a stocked fridge with food. Not all of your fridge space should be dedicated to beer. Think of the 5 food groups and you should have a 3 or 4 items from each group in your fridge. You never know when guests will come by, and you'll want to show that you are mature enough to host people unexpectedly.

Your bathroom should always be clean including the walls of your shower. Have a small garbage can so you can easily dispose of trash. You are not going to impress too many women when they have your hair and fingernail clippings stuck to the bottom of their feet. Minimize how many objects you keep on your countertop, that way it's easier to clean and looks better.

Have something that's living. This shows you can take of another living object, and will add life to your apartment. Consider a Bonsai tree, very decorative and low maintenance tree. These indoor plants look great and also help with purifying indoor air: snake plant, lady palm, Chinese evergreen and ficus alii. Also, they are commonly available at any plant nursery. Just remember to water and it gets enough light during the day (turn your plan 90 degrees every 3 months so light hits all of the sides).

Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither does your bachelor pad have to be. Take your time; you don't have to purchase everything all at once. For great furniture ideas visit www.bachelorhaus.com and use promo code "ForGuysMag" to save $100 off any purchase over $799.

Age: 31
Hometown: Gulfport, MS USA
Profession: PhD Research Scientist

June Ann D'Angelo

Photographer: Lenny Scruggs

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?

In a restaurant bathroom.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?

Absolutely nothing! I love my skin!

“I feel sexiest when I am wearing a sexy tank top and hippie skirts.”

“I like to go without makeup and bras and dance barefoot to jam bands.”

Ashley Hale

Photographer: Harry Connor

Age: 27
Hometown: Bethlehem, PA USA
Profession: Model / Actress / corporate flight attendant

"What I enjoy doing when I'm not modeling, I love shopping, going to the movies, listening to music, working out and spending time with family and friends."

Age: 21
Hometown: Toronto, ON, Canada
Profession: Model and Actress

KAROLINAAV

Photographer: D2G Photography

Karolina is a 21 year old agency represented model and actress from Toronto Canada, of Lithuanian and Russian descent. Karolina specializes in glamour and fashion modeling. Karolina also speaks three languages which are English, Lithuanian and Russian and is a very cool and down to Earth woman.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?

My eyes and lips.

What's your favorite sport? What team?
Hmm Football and Basketball. I like Patriots and 49ers and for Basketball def Miami Heat.

When do you feel sexiest?

When I'm on set shooting. Something about being on set makes me get in my zone and brings that sex appeal out of me.

Who's your favorite actor?
George Clooney
What's your favorite song?
Foreign by Trey Songz
Who's your favorite artist?
Trey Songz
What was your first job?
I worked at a Chiropractic Clinic.
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
Yes I have my belly button pierced and I have two tattoos. One on my neck and one on my lower back

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
'Your fine just like Jesus wine' by a homeless person in LA,I died laughing.

What's one thing you think all men should know?
How to treat a lady right.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Ambition and drive I like my man to be as motivated and driven as I am.

How do we win your heart?
Make it clear that you are interested and then let me come to you. Nothing is worse than a guy who's persistent when he doesn't even have a chance to begin with.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Either at a friend's house having a chill night in or out for dinner somewhere.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Mario Lopez I find him quite cute.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Lingerie.

How did you get started modeling?
I got into promo work first and then started getting offers to do photoshoots and kinda just picked up from there.

Who is your favorite model?
Adriana Lima.

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
I am getting into acting so I've been focusing on that.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
That I'm a huge tom boy I grew up around boys therefore sometimes I tend to forget that I'm not one.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
A nice candlelit dinner where we can talk and get to know each other.

Kelly Elizabeth

Photographer: Chad Graber

Age: 25
Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI
Profession: Waitress/ bartender/manager

I'm quickly becoming a hippy. I'm almost full vegan (damn you feta cheese) and am an animal activist. I work at a super busy downtown sports bar and yes…I DO love sports! I love being outdoors and on water, since I was little it's been near impossible to keep me inside. Modeling has become a very enjoyable and beneficial pastime and I love seeing where it's taking me!

What's your favorite sport?
Baseball
What team?
Detroit Tigers
What's your favorite movie?
Pineapple Express
Who's your favorite actor?
Too tough to pick! Comedy actors for sure. Seth Rogen IS fantastic.
What's your favorite song?
Sweet Nothing by Florence Welch and Calvin Harris
Who's your favorite artist?
Clinton Sparks
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
It might be easier to say where I DON'T have them. I'm inked out.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
Your photos aren't the only thing I want to double tap…
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
Golf course…hole 9…annnnnd then I was banned from said golf course.
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Drive and stamina. Please know what you want going in.
What's your idea of the perfect date?
Surprise me. I love not knowing what's going to happen. I long for the beach so that's a good start, if you have veggie sushi that's another plus. If you have a camera…you're in.
On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Working! Saturdays are money nights at a bar!
If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Rihanna. I know it's shallow but I bet she'd be a good time and I love how open she is.

What was your first job?

Hostess at a golf resort. Not fun.

How did you get started modeling?

I was dared by my best friend. I found self confidence and continued…it's fun. It's always cool to connect with new people and artists, not to mention it gives me an excuse to have sexy pictures on deck for future beaus.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?

My butt.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Lately I've been rocking a lot of flowy skirts and tanks. Bras are not a thing unless I'm shooting. When I have a boyfriend usually one of their shirts if I'm just around the house.

When do you feel sexiest?
Fresh out of the shower.

Who is your favorite model?
Yazmin Rodriguez.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I was shooting in a river and thought the current was odd…it was a mess of baby snails all over me! I was naked, yelling and flailing. Nothing more charming then nature sometime…and the freak out photos are priceless.

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
Working on balance. I've been meditating and doing yoga along with a lot more running. Oh, and finding Andy Dirks and marrying him.

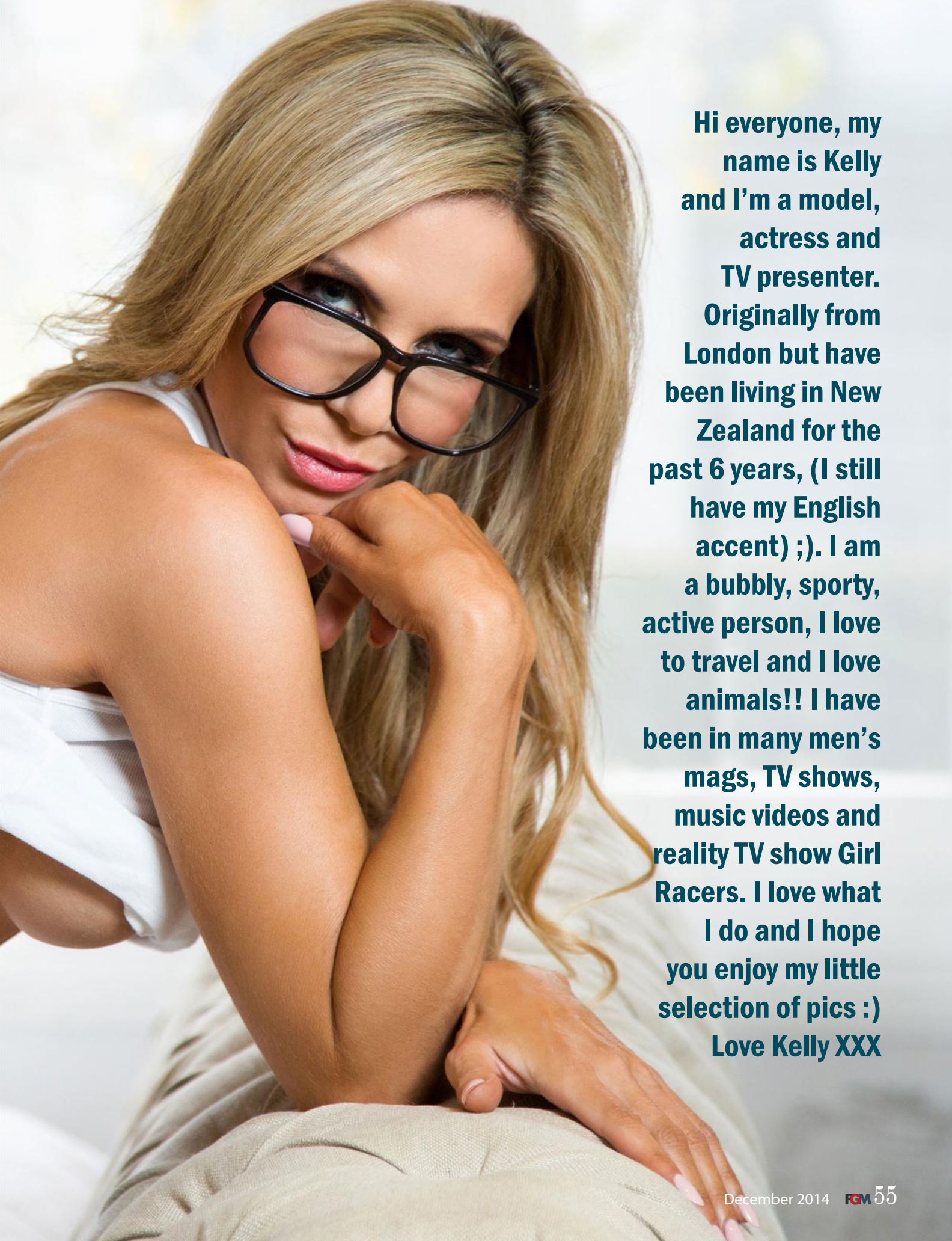
What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I have hip dysplasia and arthritis that is progressively getting worse. A lot of the time I'm in a whole lot of pain by the end of a shoot. It's not fun and I've gotten a lot better at hiding it while I look for options on how to help it.

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Be honest. Please. There's nothing worse then finding your other girlfriend via Facebook.
How do we win your heart?
Know how to use a camera. Don't be too cocky, you won't need to be with me.

Kelly Windsor

Photographer: Lescablair

Age: 30
Hometown: London
Profession: Model, Actress, TV Presenter



Hi everyone, my name is Kelly and I'm a model, actress and TV presenter. Originally from London but have been living in New Zealand for the past 6 years, (I still have my English accent) ;). I am a bubbly, sporty, active person, I love to travel and I love animals!! I have been in many men's mags, TV shows, music videos and reality TV show Girl Racers. I love what I do and I hope you enjoy my little selection of pics :) Love Kelly XXX

When do you feel sexiest?
Straight after a steamy shower.

What's your favorite sport?
Motor racing.

What's your favorite movie?
Goonies.. haha

Who's your favorite actor?
Johnny Depp

What's your favorite song?
I have so many....

Who's your favorite artist?
Banksy

What was your first job?
Dental assistant.

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
Bellybutton piercing

What's your idea of the perfect date?
Something spontaneous and fun!

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Out with friends or snuggled on the sofa with a good movie.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Elvis

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My legs and smile.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Nothing ;)

How did you get started modeling?
I was approached by a talent scout in London when I was out shopping.

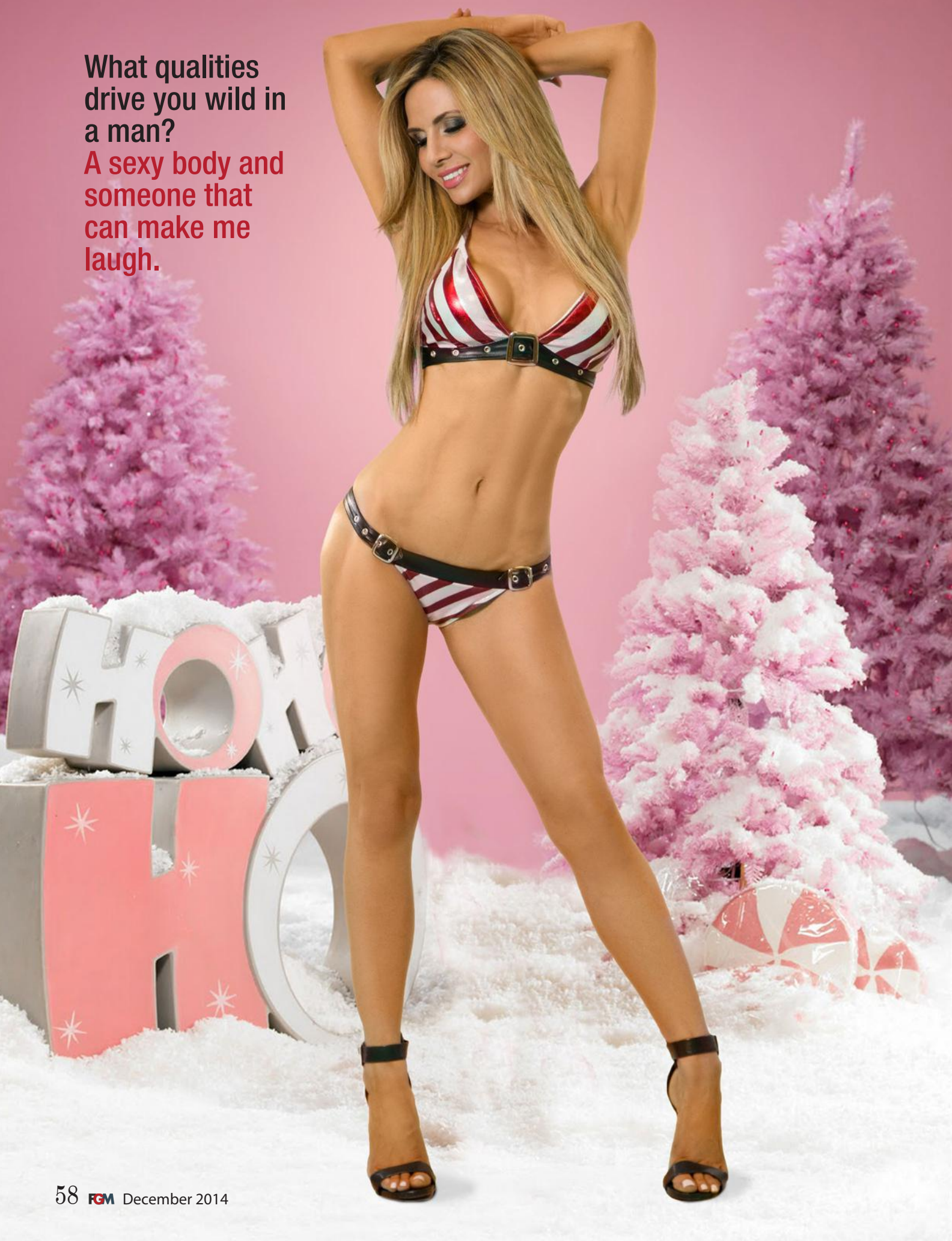
Who is your favorite model?
Candice Swanepoel

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
TV work, health & fitness

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I speak 3 different languages.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?

A sexy body and someone that can make me laugh.



What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
On an Aeroplane

How do we win your heart?

Puppys, shoes & chocolate.. haha :)

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Age: 36
Hometown: Albury, New South Wales, Australia
Instagram: HotAusChick
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DANIELLE ADAMS-BENHAM

By Glenn E Franco

Photographer: John Vandeven

Poker Down Under

Guys meet Danielle Adams Benham, also known as Hot Aussie Chick a stunning 36 year old poker player, model, business woman, writer and mom from New South Wales Australia. Aside from modeling she is also an avid sports and extreme sports fan. She loves Australian rules football, rugby, horse racing and motor sports.

Danielle enjoys getting her hands dirty under the hood of a car, 4 wheel driving, hitting the race track and riding dirt bikes. She collects crystals, writes & performs music. More of her passions in life include aiding in animal rescue and being a footy mum to her boys in the winter months. Her biggest high was being the opening vocal performance for thousands of people live for X Factor Australia.

One of her favorite things is playing Texas Hold'em as well as other varieties of poker. She is well versed in both online play as well as hitting the tables in the casino. She has written for several national poker magazines, poker blogs, and assisted in writing a book on poker. If you ever find yourself across the felt from this beauty expect her to do all she can to knock your stack down to size!

She started modeling way back when she was a mere 15 years old! Her favorite model shoots are bridal, lingerie and high end fashion. She does a lot of modeling for photographers, assisting in their portfolio building. Danielle is most comfortable modeling in short shorts because it gets HOT in Australia! DAMN HOT!

When it comes to TV & Movies what do you enjoy?

When it comes to movies, I love a good horror but also love TV series such as Home and Away, Game of Thrones and American Horror Story.

Who is your favorite actor? Favorite Music?

My favourite actor is Adam Sandler, I love a guy that makes me laugh. When it comes to music, I dig the top 40 but have and always will love my rock music, especially Aussie Rock!!

What was your first job?

Pumping gas in a small town service station in my daisy dukes!

What is your ideal date?

My perfect date is eating a meal, drinking beer and watching footy, preferably live!

What is your favorite quality in a man?

The quality that drives me wild in a man is uniqueness, speaking out and coming up with ingenious ideas to keep my business brain spinning, entrepreneurial, no 9-5 men for me, and cologne, I am a sucker for great cologne!

What can a guy do to win your heart?

My heart can not be won, it has to be gained, over time.

What are you doing on an average Friday or Saturday Night?

I am throwing down drinks, jumping in the pool or watching football, football and more football as I play loud background music!

What do you get complimented on the most and when do you feel the sexiest?

I get complimented mostly on my eyes, hair, butt and legs. I feel my most sexiest when I am dolled up in a long designer gown at the casino looking a million dollars yet showing very little of my body. I'm far from shy but just love fashion and like beautiful clothes!

Who is your favorite model & favorite behind the scenes story from photoshoots?

My favorite model of all time is Elle McPherson I love her work so much I named my daughter Elle! My favorite behind the scenes photo shoot story is when I thought a mouse was underneath me. I looked down as I squealed and it was my 10 year old daughter crawling under me smiling and in a pose to get into the lime light. She also models and thought she could do better!

As a poker player what is your favorite hand & biggest wins or accomplishments?

My fav hand is 7/8 of diamonds. What girl doesn't love diamonds? The biggest hand I have won in the casino was over $1,200 and biggest tournament win was online for $2,800 but I have taken the past year off from online poker to concentrate on my modeling and my family.

Who are your favorite professional poker players? I know you have a lot of pro players as friends and have interviewed even more for your poker writing.

My favorite players would have to include Tony Hachem, Barry Shulman, Jerry Yang, and Erik Aude. Erik is also a great actor! Another would be the guy that got me really interested in poker to start with "The Great Dane" Gus Hansen!

If you had any advice to pass along to men when it comes to women what would it be?

One thing men should know is that it's not about the money! Not for women who make their own anyway! It's all about respect, honor and care! Be genuine, be real, & be yourself!

Kristen Sealey

Age: 21
Hometown:
Niagara Falls, On
Profession: Model

Photographer: Robert Deak

I was born and raised with four siblings in Niagara Falls, Ontario. I'm French Canadian, "Bonjour", and attended a French school most of my life so I am fortunate enough to be able to read and write in both of the languages. I have been told that I am a kind hearted, free spirited type of girl ;) Always looking for something fun to do, whether its taking a spontaneous road trip to get away and explore or taking the dirt bike out to play in the mud and get a little dirty, I am always a good time! I love putting on a long t-shirt and a fresh pair of knee high socks after a long day and just sit back relax to a movie off of Netflix and of course next to my Cocker spaniel / Maltese Eskimo, Marley. I have a wicked great body, I am told, and have never stepped foot in a gym before, very proud & thankful for this ! Being in front of a camera and in total control of what the image will look like is so empowering for me . It's something I have always dreamed of trying and glad to have finally taken the first step needed.

What's your favorite sport?
Volley ball
What team?
I dont really watch sports but have always wanted to go to a Blue Jays game just to experience it.
What's your favorite movie?
Love anything sci-fi, drama & action.
Who's your favorite actor?
Jennifer Aniston
What's your favorite song?
Thinking out loud
Who's your favorite artist?
Ed Sheeran
What was your first job?
Quiznos Subs
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
Yes, i have 15 tattoos and 8 piercings! 1 small tattoo on my hip/ waist & 14 tattoos on my back, 3 piercings on each ear loop , belly button and nose.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
"Hey can I see your phone for a second? " (texts himself from my phone , so he now has my phone number)
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
In the laundry room at work.
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
A kind hearted, hard working but able to relax and have a good time man! Long hair to run my hands through and clean hygiene would be needed ;)
What's your idea of the perfect date?
Steak dinner and a nice long walk in the summer by the water .
How do we win your heart?
Cook for me , I absolutely love to eat and love me unconditionally

What's one thing you think all men should know?
You should never say something you don't truly mean, it's like breaking a promise!

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Laying in bed snuggled up with my handsome boy/dog Marley watching Netflix :)

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My eyes.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Paul Walker

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
When am not wearing anything!

How did you get started modeling?
I have always been interested in being a model/actress but was always some what to shy to do it because of what my friends and family would think of me. Once I started to see beautiful pictures of other girls I knew who were also interested in modeling, it really pushed me into that " what do you have to lose" feeling.

Who is your favorite model?
I don't have a favorite, I believe everyone is beautiful and unique in their own ways .

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
I'm focusing on school and getting a part time job I actually enjoy!

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I have had Dermatillomania, ever since I was little.

And, finally, what made you want join the FGM family?
Once my friend was featured in FGM and I had gotten familiar with the name and beautiful work you guys were producing I knew I had to be published with such a tasteful magazine too get me started with my modeling career!

When do you feel sexiest?
With my hair and make up all done up, a big T and knee high socks.

Kristina Jovanovic

Photographer: Mark Wong

Age:
21
Hometown:
Stoney Creek, ON
Canada
Profession:
Professional
Model

"My fans would be surprised that I love fishing nude on a boat in the middle of the lake!"

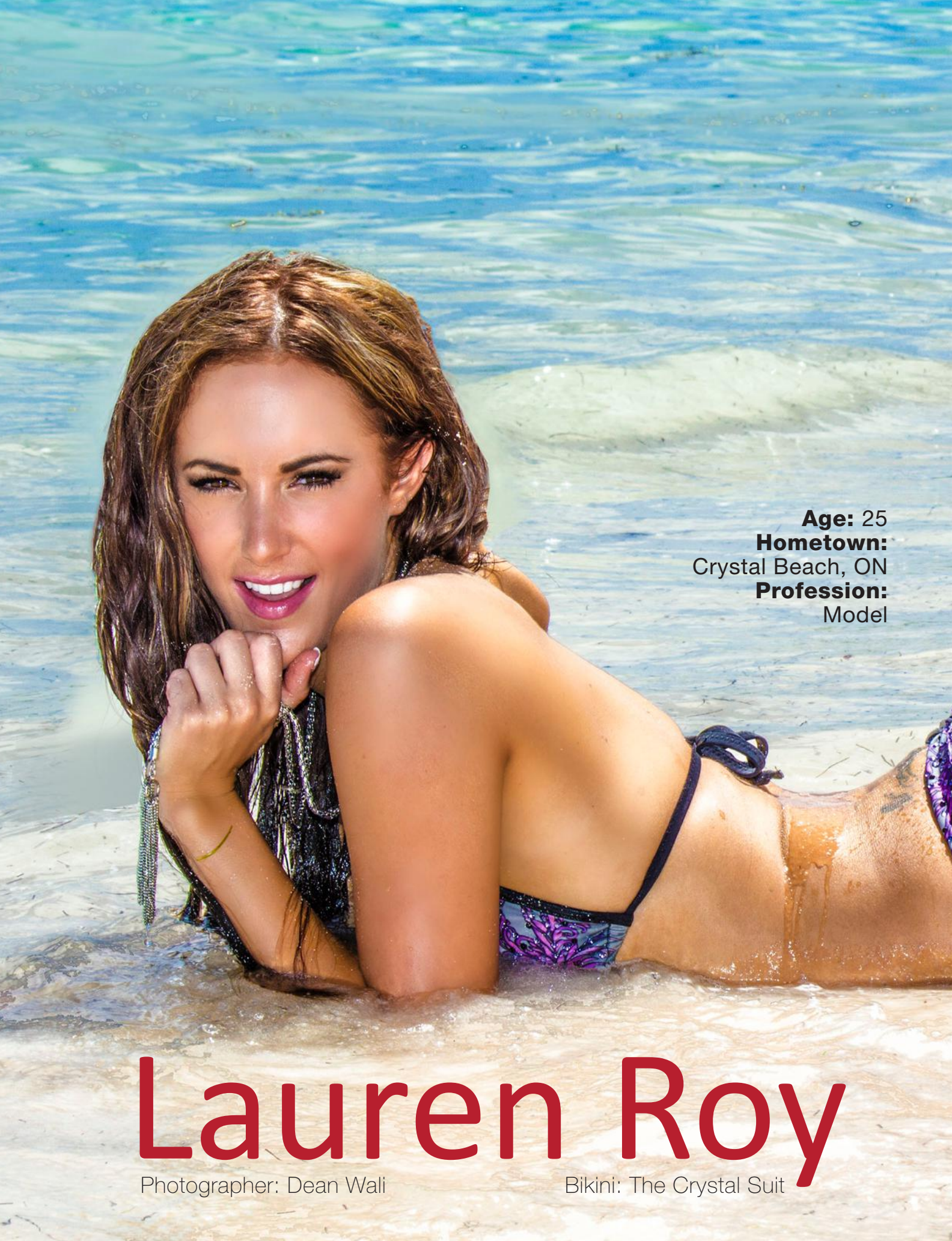
“I feel the sexiest right when I get out of the shower still nude and soaking wet.”

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?

Its the booty, always the booty.

Mindy Ann Harrison

Photographer: Mike Cole aka The Breeze



Age: 25
Hometown:
Crystal Beach, ON
Profession:
Model

Lauren Roy

Photographer: Dean Wali

Bikini: The Crystal Suit

I am a 25 year old girl from a small town with big dreams! I am also the youngest out of 5 siblings. I enjoy paddle boarding or anything to do with the water as I grew up on the beach. I have 11 years of dance background, anything from jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop and grew up playing a lot of sports. My weakness is chocolate and I love the adrenaline rush like going sky diving, rollercoasters or cliff jumping!

I love travelling, exploring different parts of the world and learning about different cultures. I just recently came back from Punta Cana for the International Bikini Model Search (IBMS) and I was honoured to be one of the five models selected to be sponsored by IBMS to return in May 2015. I was also recently published for Maxim SA and Sunshine Girl Calendar 2015. I have been a Sunshine Girl 5 times and a Grid Girl for the Toronto Honda Indy two years in a row.

Throughout the past few years, I've had many great opportunities with TV segments (Global TV, Rogers TV), a music video, runway shows, promo work and much more. I won Miss Southern Ontario 2013/14 and Miss Canada Globe 2013/14, 3rd Princess last year. I am currently working on bringing Glamour & Glow to Canada, which is the largest black light, fashion show currently touring through out the US. I am very excited to see what 2015 has in store for me!

How do we win your heart?
I'm a hopeless romantic Hehe :)
Make me laugh.

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Just be yourself and be a gentlemen/ respectful to your lady, small things go a long way.

What's your idea of the perfect date? Surprise me! I love the excitement of not knowing what's happening next.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?

I was doing a bikini shoot and had a pile of extra swimsuits set away from the photographer and I, this puppy kept coming by out of nowhere and taking them. Luckily we found them and actually played with the puppy for awhile :)

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?

I can be a klutz! I once rolled both ankles in flip flops. Eek!

What's your favorite sport?
Hockey
What team?
Buffalo Sabres! My whole family goes for the blue & yellow.
What's your favorite movie?
Jim Carrey movies are hilarious like Dumb & Dumber, Wolf of Wall Street and many others.
Who's your favorite actor?
Johnny Depp! He always has interesting roles, is very talented, and isn't bad on the eyes of course ;)
What's your favorite song?
This changes all the time, I love different music genres! Right now it is Latch by Disclosure, helps me get motivated while I go rollerblading.
Who's your favorite artist?
That's a hard one! Way too many to choose from.
What was your first job?
Delivering newspapers when I was a kid.
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
3 tattoos (back of my neck, right foot and lower back)

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
I just had one recently where a guy said "pardon me while I pick up my jaw"
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
Girls don't kiss and tell ;)
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Honesty, smile, his eyes & humor.
On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
At this time of year, sitting in front of the fireplace with a glass of Pinot Grigio watching movies. In the summer, I would be on a patio listening to a live band or in front of a bonfire on the beach.
Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My eyes or smile.
What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
A guys shirt or nothing.
How did you get started modeling?
When I lived in the Cayman Islands, a photographer asked me to do a beach shoot and I had a lot of fun doing it. I came back to Canada a few months after that and began to pursue modeling.
Who is your favorite model?
My favourite VS Angel, Alessandra Ambrosio.
Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
I just recently got more into fitness and look forward to meeting new goals.

When do you feel sexiest?
When make up and hair is on point for a photo shoot, or in lingerie/heels.

Age: 31
Hometown: Greenville, SC USA
Profession: Model/ Student/Waitress

Mindy Ann Harrison

Photographer: Harvey Elkins

"There's something really sexy about seeing my abs and thighs all sweaty and popping after a workout."

“I am very persistent and work hard to get what I want.”

“GO Pittsburgh Steelers!”

Age: 25
Hometown:
Lafayette, IN USA
Profession: Model

Stephy C.

Photographer: Jose Cartagena - Photo Depot by Joe

Mindy Ann Harrison

Photographer: Mike Cole aka The Breeze

Me, **Myself** and **I DO**

MOVE OVER SAME-SEX MARriage, there's new kid on the marriage equality train. I'm talking about "sologomy" or self-love, if you will. There is a very small but growing movement of people who want to legally marry themselves...nope, you read it right – they want to legally marry themselves. Now it is kinda funny and seems a bit absurd on the surface...and for the most part it is BUT there is also some logic and definite pros to this that should possibly be explored before this is fully dismissed as ridiculous.

As someone who has been in a "complicated" and sometimes "open" relationship with myself on facebook for several years now, I felt compelled to delve in to this upcoming trend a bit more in depth. Now, my sologomist relationship is purely online and for good laugh, however when given some serious thought to the possible benefits, it kind of makes a bit of odd sense. Now hear me out, marriage in some form or fashion has been around for thousands of years but modern day marriage is mainly a derived from archaic religious practices. It takes very little research into just the old and new testament to figure out biblical marriage is all kinds of fucked up – women forced to marry their rapist, slave owners marrying several slaves, King Saul sold his daughter, Michal, for a bag of 200 Philistine foreskins, for fuck's sake. Don't believe me? Look it up for yourself. Here, I'll give you book and verse that last one, you can search out the others and edify yourself.
"1 Samuel 18:27 – David took his men with him and went out and killed two hundred Philistines and brought back their foreskins. They counted out the full number to the king so that David might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage."

So, yeah, that's fifty shades of fucked up and these bible-humpers think that two people of the same sex who are in loving committed relationships are an abomination? It's down right fucking laughable. But, I digress, marriage in and of itself is somewhat silly when you think about it. Not the lifelong commitment or even having a ceremony to profess this love in the witness of friends and family – all of that is beautiful, really – I'm talking about the legal end of it. What the fuck does being in love and having a lifelong commitment have to do with the government and a piece of paper? I'll tell you what that aspect has to do with it – benefits – pure and simple. Tax benefits, credit approval benefits, social benefits and little perks too countless mention. So, just because you find someone to put up with your bullshit you should have special entitlements? What about the homely bloke or bird who is too socially awkward to even meet their socially awkward better half? What about the bitter and downtrodden who have given up after a series of being fucked over because they were too nice? What about the solipsexual narcissists who believe nobody does it better than themselves? One of the benefits to self-marriage is adultery does not exist because there is no opposition. But those in support of this movement feel that is not enough. They want all the other benefits given to married couples and there really isn't a logical reason they should not be afforded those entitlements.

And with that I say "with this ring, I, me wed.

Luke Krom

Luke Krom is a high school drop-out and lifelong snarky bastard. He's been a freelance writer for close to 10 years and a professional muscian/singer/songwriter for 25 years. Keep an ear out for his current illegitimate brainchild - Dirty Malkovich.

PARIS DUNN

Photographer: Mason Woodward

Hi I'm Paris and I am 20 years old. I love anything sixties and my favorite food is pizza. I am the oldest of three sisters and I aspire to be a model and actress. My ethnicity is French, Irish, and Spanish. I am a homebody, I dont drink or smoke. I am big on family, my mom is my best friend, I am a major mommys girl. I have a chihuahua named Tiki that I am very overprotective of. I also have a cat named Ammo and a kitten named Andy Kauffcat. I drive a Volkswagon 2013 black beetle, his name is LeRoy. My hobbies include going to the beach, listening to music, going to amusement parks, and going to concerts.

Age:
20
Hometown:
Riverside, State USA
Profession:
Model

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
'If you were a cheeto you'd be a hot cheeto'

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Watching Adam Sandler movies and cuddling with my chihuahua.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My eyes.

What was your first job?
Answering telephones for a driving school.

What's your favorite sport?
Baseball
What team?
SF Giants
What's your favorite movie?
Wedding Singer
Who's your favorite actor?
Adam Sandler and Leonardo Dicaprio
What's your favorite song?
Its a tie between Castles in the Air - Don Mclean and Daydream Believer - The Monkees
Who's your favorite artist?
Don McLean
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
Dodgers clubhouse
What's one thing you think all men should know?
Not to talk about past relationships.
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Someone who can laugh at stuff, good music taste, nice hands, not jealous, heavy lidded eyes, and a sexy smile.
What's your idea of the perfect date?
For a date I'm pretty open minded to anything but I really love it when a guy will turn on my kind of music when we are hanging out.
How do we win your heart?
Be silly and understanding about all my various celebrity man crushes.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
King Tut. I would love to show him how everything has changed so much.
When do you feel sexiest?
Late at night because I'm a night owl.
How did you get started modeling?
Getting contacted by photographers.
Who is your favorite model?
Arthur Gosse
Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I was doing a football photoshoot and we were trying to get a picture of me throwing the football toward the camera and when I threw it my photographer ducked and I hit him right in the head.
Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
A career in acting.
What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
That I am actually quite shy and that I love sixties music.
And, finally, what made you want join the FGM family?
I think that the magazine is great!

Sydney MARZI

Photographer: Mike Scalisi

Hi I'm Sydney Marzi and I am from an Italian background. I started modeling only a year ago and besides being published in many magazinesI have also been traveling across the globe modeling for various clothing, bikini and lingerie companies. I plan on traveling more and getting more exposure for myself and my career.

Age:
21
Hometown:
Mississauga,
Ontario Canada
Profession:
Sales Representative
and Promotional
Model

How do we win your heart?

Just being honest, funny and trustworthy. Being a genuine good person makes me attracted to you and could win my heart.

What's your favorite sport?
I don't really have a favorite sport, but I love to play volleyball.
What team?
#teamsydney
What's your favorite movie?
Lately I have been watching older films like Breakfast at Tiffany's and Pretty in Pink are at the top of my list.
Who's your favorite actor?
I love Rachel Mcadams in everything she does. And Robin Williams .. rip
What's your favorite song?
I can never narrow this question down… I have been listening to a lot of radio music lately some Zeds Dead, The Weeknd, and always Drake.
Who's your favorite artist?
I'm going to switch the question up and say that the most played album on my iTunes is Frank Ocean, Channel Orange.
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
I have 7 peircings and 9 tattoos. Spaced ears, nose , tongue, nipple, top and bottom of belly button. Tattoos- two finger tattoos, left wrist tattoo right forearm tattoo, side boob tattoo , bows that the back of my thighs roman numerals on my left shoulder and a rose on my right shoulder.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
Someone once pulled over to the side of the road to tell me that I was going to get a ticket for being so beautiful… it was kind of lame.

What was your first job?

I used to work in a big warehouse sale, working 12 hour days killed me but it trained me for the real world waking up early and getting home late and super tired.

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
In a public park in the middle of the day.. there was a family party going on and three pine trees blocking them from me and my boyfriend ;) risky business. I like it!

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Just how to listen to their woman and make her happy. If you can't, she's not the right one.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Being honest, make me laugh and don't be afraid to be silly.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
An evening in Rome :)

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Either out at a club or a bar with friends or just staying at home, depends on how I feel.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
If I could go on a date I would go on one with my grandfather not in a creepy way, I would of just liked to got to know him. Everyone said he was the type of guy to light up a room when he walked in.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
I always get complimented on my eyes and my lips.

When do you feel sexiest?
I feel the sexiest when I have my hair and makeup done and I am dressed in something small and sexy.

How did you get started modeling?
My older sister friend's helped me. Matt who did my makeup and Nicole took my photos at a park in Toronto. I started uploading them on Facebook and Model Mayhem and getting in contact with photographers. I was fortunate enough that I have a lot of people that want to work with me to build their and mine portfolios.

Who is your favorite model?
I'm in love with Candice the Victoria Secret Model. She is beyond perfect and I hope to be in her shoes one day!

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?

I feel most comfortable wearing shorts and a tank top. That's all, I can't stand having so many layers on.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I love when I have to use props because it can get fun while joking around with the photographer. I love to have fun on set and never have a dull moment.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
They probably don't know that I am a hot head sometimes but I have been going to anger management for a while and have been able to change my attitude.

And, finally, what made you want join the FGM family? (this is where you kiss our ass :))
I have wanted to be featured in FGM for awhile and now I have my spotlight. I am honored for them to have me in their magazine and I hope to have a future with you guys! I am thankful for the feature and the support, I love the pictures they use and the themes they have it's a really fun magazine. Thank you FGM family you're all awesome!

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?

I work part time retail and I plan on going back to school very soon for marketing business.

Neesy Rizzo

Photographer: Jose Cartagena

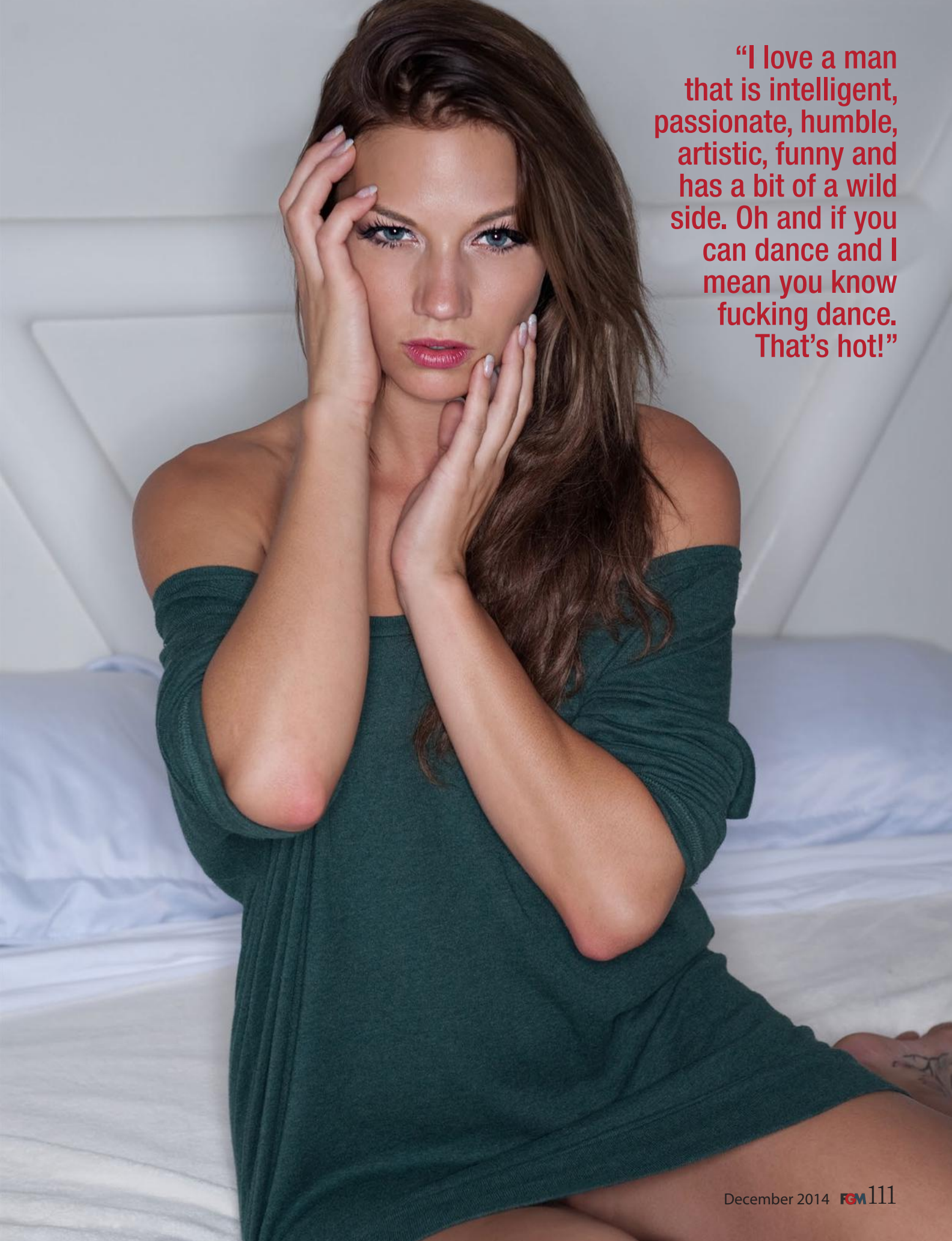
Age: 21
Hometown:
Sussex, NJ USA
Profession: Model

Sloan Summers

Age: 28
Hometown: Vancouver, BC Canada
Profession: Model

Photographer: Dan The Man Photography

How do we win your heart?
With your charismatic charm my friend ;)



"I love a man that is intelligent, passionate, humble, artistic, funny and has a bit of a wild side. Oh and if you can dance and I mean you know fucking dance. That's hot!"

“My life would be complete if I could live in my bikinis.”

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This month I profile, The Hard Way, a band who have been playing and paying dues making quality music for quite some time now. Fronted by the left-handed troubadour, Scott Taylor, a prolific songwriter and all around singer/musician, the band is a 5-piece powerhouse of musicianship. Every single one of these cats brings their all to a performance and it shows, making it ultimately entertaining to witness. They're currently about to release their third full-length album "Day 5" set for an undetermined December drop date. It will be available digitally, as well as, limited edition vinyl. The band has recently incorporated themselves and this will be a full on, 100%, DIY, independent self-release. I've had the pleasure of previewing this latest offering and I have to say, it is a veritable treasure trove of stereophonic gold. From the first growling guitar punch on 'Last Stand' which kicks off side A to the last harmonic guitar notes of 'This Time You Know' at the end of side B and everything in between take you for quite the ride. While you can hear influences of such music greats – from Elvis Costello, The Beatles and Brian Wilson to Big Star and even Soundgarden, (to name a few) you can not describe this band with simple "sounds like..." referencing. They have taken these influences and artfully blended and crafted them into their own unique and completely original sonic cocktail. The song 'All In This Together' is a beautiful anthem-esque tune that is well written, composed and engineered and if it doesn't put a lump in your throat and/or give you goosebumps – you're fucking dead inside – go buy a bloody Justin Bieber album and give up on the world.

The Hard Way originally formed in 2006 with second guitarist, at the time, Tim Diedrich (currently of Prophets of Addiction) and bassist Elizabeth Yeager and Dave Hyatt on drums. They self-released two albums, "Only If...And Even Then" and "Tell Me When You Can't Breathe" they gigged around town and toured with this line up. After the departure of Elizabeth Yeager in 2007 the band was joined by Luke Ogden who, at the time, playing guitar Scott Taylor & The Fond Farewells, then, in early 2013, Skyler Blake (also a member of Scott Taylor & The Fond Farewells...music can be so incestuous) joined the group arriving at the current line-up. I'm personally looking forward to the official release of this album and hope it garners the recognition and acclaim it deserves. I highly recommend you find any of the aforementioned give your ear holes some sonic lovin'.

The Hard Way are:
Scott Taylor - lead vox, guitar, keys
Skyler Blake - guitar, vox
Luke Ogden - bass, vox
Dave Hyatt - drums, vox

At what age did you realise you had to make music?

SB: I've tooled around with different instruments since I was very young but it was the guitar that gripped me when I was 14. No going back at that point. Hooked.

ST: Age 4

DH: Age 8. The drum solo on Abby road got me.

What/who was the major spark that jump started that drive?

ST: The Beatles. There were a few local guitarists that blew me away with the power they had with a guitar in their hand. It was like they were holding a magic wand and casting spells with their music. That knocked me out.

LO: My mom plays guitar and my pops is a drummer, so I was informed I would be playing bass. Played in church for 5 years before I started playing in bands.

The best/favourite show(s) you've played to date?

ST:One time, early on in the band, we played this gig for a bunch of, I guess you might say, emotionally at risk youth. A friend of ours worked with kids that were not permitted in regular schools with everybody else for various, um, reasons and she asked if we would come play this funfair thing. She assured us the kids would appreciate it, so much. And boy, they sure did! It was weird and cool. Those kids wanted to rock alright! Every once in a while a chaperone-type would momentarily intervene if anyone got 'too' worked up by the music, i.e. 'play nice, everybody...' You know what I mean? Seriously though, everybody there was really nice and I think we helped those kids smile a little. Oh yeah, and they kept wanting everyone's autographs. One kid was SO insistent, I remember Tim actually signed his forehead! So, yeah, that was a good one.

SB: I dug playing The Roxy with The Hard Way last year because we got to end the set with 'Earache My Eye' from Up In Smoke which was filmed on that stage. Someone after the show came up and said they were there at the filming back in '78! Also, on the cover of Day 5 is our van Betsy being towed from in front of The Roxy that night. Favorite show? The first one at le voyeur. Everybody was so into it, and the space is so intimate. No stage back then. Just people face to face with Rock.

LO: It's hard to pinpoint my favorite gig that we have played. My first gigs with The Hard Way we're really exciting, because I was playing with my favorite local band and some of my favorite people. I would love to play a gig at the Paramount Theater. Love old mid sized theaters with great sound. My choice band to share a bill with would Sunny Day Real Estate. They have been a huge influence on me since I was young and I love their original sound. I'm okay with cheese and cake, but give me pie 'til the day I die. My ultimate goal in music is to do this thing that I love and be able to support my family.

Left picture by Kozmo Bates
Right and bottom pictures by Evan Ogden.

You favourite Canadian artists/bands/infulences?

SB: Neil Young & Rush are kings. Sloan, princes. I also like Mother Mother.

ST: Let's see...When I was little I loved 'Carefree Highway' by Gordon Lightfoot, it played on my Mom's car radio a lot. Neil Young was always pretty major for me. I gotta say though my very favorite Canadian bands hands down are Sloan and Rush. Rush I've loved since I was a tike and they're awesome. I'm pretty sure everyone just knows that. I've been psyched on Sloan since around the dawn of this here millennium. I think they are arguably the best pop/rock n' roll band in the world today. I like those guys a lot. Yay Nova Scotia!

DH: Canada? Rush, and the voice of Burton Cummins.

LO: I grew up listening to Bruce Cockburn and Joni Mitchell. Both were a huge influence emotionally and musically for when I was young. I had a sister who passed away when I was 9 and Bruce Cockburn's album Humans was an amazing salve for our family.

Is the marriage of a cheese and cake on of the most beautiful culinary communions ever?

ST: Does it come with bacon? I mean, not that its really of any consequence to me, but seems like folks need to have bacon on everything these days...I like Canadian bacon, myself. Or, do they just call that bacon here? Oh cheese cake! Yeah, that stuff's good.

SB: Truly. it has a nice ring to it too. If you had said 'cake-cheese', I'd be thinking of fruit cake with a side of fromunda...

DH: Cheesecake? A modern miracle.

If you're still making the musics well into the droopy-balled twilight years, do you foresee donning a more apropos moniker – such as, The Soft Way?

SB: Or you mean like The Easy Way? Nah, things will always be hard.

ST: Nah. Not that we'll ever need them, but with boner pills all the rage, whether out of necessity or just for fun, we could even become The Harder Way.

DH: As we get older? The harder way and finally, the hardest way.

What would be your dream bill/tour?

SB: Anything with Cheap Trick

DH: Dream bill? Then: Late Beatles with the Who. Now: with QOTSA. And Jack White.

What is one venue you'd love to play, regardless of the bill?

ST: Saturn

SB: Anyplace where people dig our songs is just fine by me. I like Scott's idea though. space would be cool. as long as the spaceship was gassed and running when the beer bill gets there.

What is your ultimate musical objective?

SB: To keep trying but to never find the highest bar.

ST: To not suck.

DH: Ultimate music goal? Just keep making the best music possible music. It's it's own reward!

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Luke Krom is a high school drop-out and lifelong snarky bastard. He's been a freelance writer for close to 10 years and a professional muscian/singer/songwriter for 25 years. Keep an ear out for his current illegitimate brainchild - Dirty Malkovich.

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